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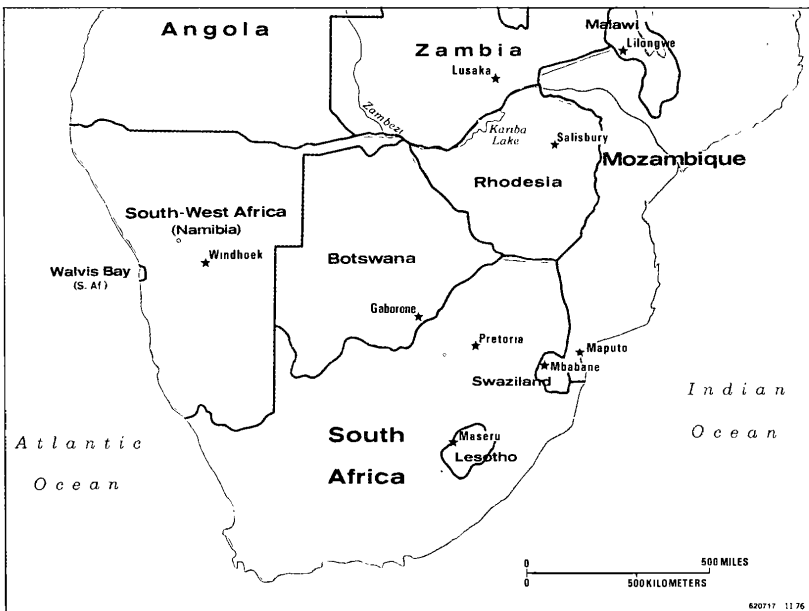
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USSR-TURKEY: *The USSR has suggested that Premier Kosygin visit Turkey for a ground-breaking ceremony for a joint dam project on the international border. Ankara is agreeable to the visit but no date has been set.*

The Soviets apparently hope to come to a conclusion on terms of the "political document" the two countries agreed last December to sign. The Turks found unacceptable an initial Soviet draft. The Turks would prefer a document that resembles the declaration of good neighborly relations the two countries signed in 1972.

Turkish Prime Minister Demirel told the US ambassador earlier this month that it would be some

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time before such a new document was signed. The Prime Minister will be careful to keep the issue alive, however, since he views it as an important card to hold while the US Congress deals with the US-Turkish defense cooperation agreement.

Demirel reportedly also sees the prospective meeting with Kosygin as an opportunity to explore possibilities for acquiring additional Soviet economic aid for Turkey, which already ranks high among the recipients of Soviet assistance.

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NOTES

*Iran's current-account surplus, which probably will total \$5.6 billion this year, does not support the Shah's proclaimed need for a large oil price hike.*

Even with no oil price increase next year, Iran probably would run a \$4.2-billion current-account surplus. A 10-percent oil price hike would raise the 1977 surplus to \$6.6 billion.

Iran experienced a financial setback last year when imports almost doubled as the country rushed ahead with its ambitious development program, and exports declined in response to the slump in world demand for heavy crude oil. Oil exports began to rebound early this year, however, and crude oil liftings are close to capacity. Imports, on the other hand, will remain at about the 1975 level.

Slow progress in clearing and expanding the ports to eliminate congestion and the government's decision in June 1975 to stretch out the development plan should hold down imports for the next few years.

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*The USSR conducted an underground nuclear test yesterday at the Shagan River Test Area at Semipalatinsk.*

The preliminary estimate of the yield by the US Atomic Energy Detection System is between 96 and 550 kilotons, assuming that the test was conducted in sedimentary rock. If the test was conducted in granite, the estimate would be between 80 and 280 kilotons.

These ranges are attributable to uncertainty in determining from seismic body wave data alone the yields of tests conducted in these formations.

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Continuing seismic studies associated with Soviet underground tests suggest that our estimated yields for tests at Semipalatinsk may show an upward bias. If this is the case, the estimated yield ranges for yesterday's test would eventually be revised downward from those cited above.

Yesterday's was the third test in this general yield range at Shagan River this year--about the same number as in the past few years. Activity in the area appears to be proceeding normally, suggesting that Shagan River will continue to be an active test area.

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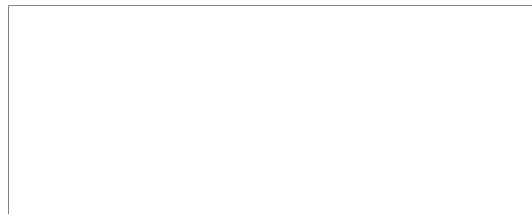


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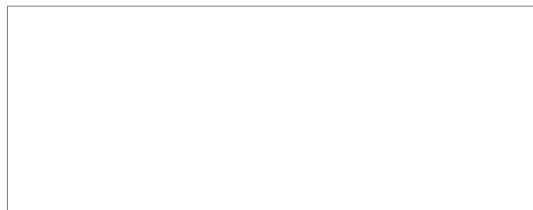
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